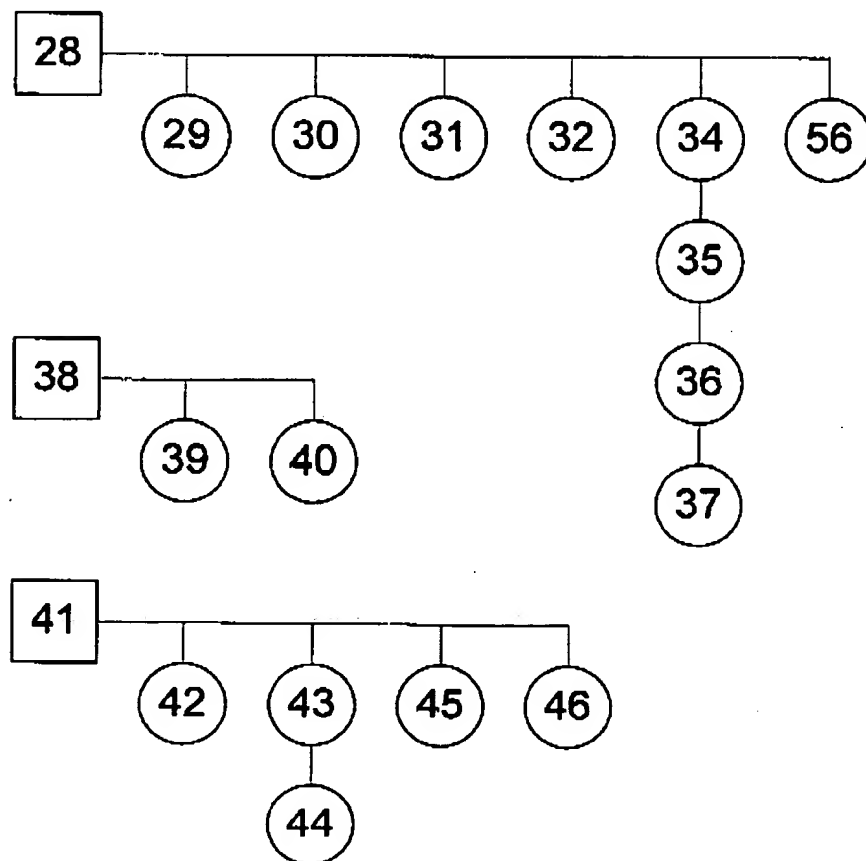


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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. An Office action mailed January 26, 2005 is pending in the application. Applicants have carefully considered the Office action and the references of record. In the Office action, claims 1-3, 5-16, 18-32 and 34-56 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, claims 5, 7 and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claim 33 was objected to as dependent on a rejected base claim but indicated as otherwise allowable. In this response to the Office action, claims 1-3, 5-16, 18-27, 33 and 47-55 have been canceled, and claims 28, 38 and 41 have been amended. Therefore, claims 28-32, 34-46 and 56 are pending in the application. The following diagram depicts the relationship between the independent and dependent claims.



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Claim Objections

Claim 33 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Each of independent claims 28, 38 and 41 have been amended herein to include all the features of claim 33.

Canceled and Amended Claims

Claims have been canceled and amended herein to claim subject matter indicated as allowable by Examiner and thus to expedite prosecution of the present application. Applicants explicitly reserve the right to prosecute same and similar claims, in particular claims of broader scope, in one or more continuation applications and other proceedings.

CONCLUSION

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

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